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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM,  
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND OPTICAL FIBER

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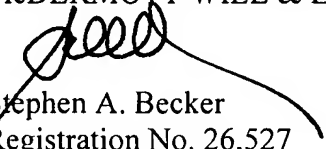
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